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A JANUS VIEW OF WEATHERCOCKS.

The Advertiser does not hesitate to support former enemies who have changed their position and begun to work for good government; while the Star supports them on precisely the same state of facts which existed when it opposed them. That is why the Star is the chief exponent of weather-cock journalism in these breezy islands.—Advertiser.

Let us see. Take Kuhio, Lane, Long and Chillingworth. The Advertiser supports them. Once it did not. They are all working as hard as they know how to elect the Republican ticket.—Cathcart and Wise included. Have they earned their Advertiser support by having "changed their position and begun to work for good government?" The dilemma is plain. The Advertiser supports Lane and Chillingworth, each a former enemy. Lane and Chillingworth support Cathcart and Wise. The Advertiser opposes Cathcart and Wise on the ground that they do not make for good government. Here is not a mere change of attitude,—it is holding of two contradictory attitudes at once. The Advertiser is not even as consistent as a weather-cock. It is a Janus.

ALL SORTS OF BAD FAITH.

The outrage of Long's candidacy becomes worse almost every day that explanations of it are offered. It has been shown to be a double pledge breaking. Now comes the Advertiser and says that Long is getting lots of promises of support and "They come largely from the whites, though PRINCIPALLY from the Hawaiians."

The cat is out of the bag. Long appears, described by his only supporter, in his true character as a race candidate. Having helped to get Lane a nomination for mayor by withdrawing as a candidate in his own party convention he now comes out as an independent against men who helped him to nominate Lane, and why? Because he is a Hawaiian and looks for the votes to be got by the cry of "nana ka ili." It is already apparent that Hawaiians are going to very severely rebuke this treachery. Every consideration of fair play demands that they do so. Every consideration of self interest demands that they show with emphasis that they are not to be led into such treachery. Lane's closest Hawaiian friends quickly perceived this and have repudiated the faithless scheme.

The two independent candidacies of Long and Beckley will furnish a test of how far good faith may be expected in our politics. By a system of give and take, the Republican convention apportioned offices among the Hawaiian and white candidates. The division was more than fair to the Hawaiians,—they were given the heads of both tickets and a majority of all other offices. Now come independents,—one of them a Hawaiian member of the convention and a man who helped to nominate the haole candidate he opposes,—to run for the offices for which haoles were named. How big a proportion of the Hawaiian vote does Long think will stand by him in this sort of treachery?

What has become of Laukea's candidacy for sheriff?

When you have a man running for office whom you don't like, call him a yellow dog.

Some of the candidates will stutter in arguing for the straight ticket while Kaca is on it.

Whether he has a nest or not, there can be no doubt that Foxes-have-holes Long is a bird.

That pot-kettle controversy wasn't half as funny as Facingboth-ways using the epithet weather-cock.

Even Egypt is clamoring for a constitution now, and Turkey has just got a beginning of self-government.

The value of the independent voter is not necessarily in scratching, but in using the threat of scratching to force his party convention to put up a good ticket. Republicans who think this was done in the recent primary and convention will support their party ticket.

Taft is probably very sorry now that he had that public reconciliation with Foraker. However he has shown that he refused all along to support Foraker for the Senate and when asked to repudiate Foraker, by cancelling lecture dates with him, after the Hearst exposures, he made a somewhat striking reply: "If it would get me every vote in the United States I would not strike a man when he is down." It is evident from this that Taft regarded Foraker as politically dead.

The right to vote,—to be one independent citizen having a say in the management of the affairs of his community,—is one of the rights of which modern citizens are proud. He who loses his voice in public affairs by careless neglecting to register will surely feel small when election day comes and he is unable to take his part as a citizen. There are only a few days left in which to register and if you do not get your name on the roll, remember that you will be helpless on election day.

The Star does not hesitate to oppose those whom it has supported if their official careers develop a showing of unfitness for office; while the Advertiser supports them when plain facts show their unfitness, if they can help it to down its enemies. We beg to repeat that if the Star supports Wise for sheriff and after he is elected he borrows money from Iwilei criminals, without interest and without security, The Star will do its best to see that he does not get another term, instead of following the Advertiser policy of apologizing for him.

There is no doubt that the nature of the present campaign is fostering sentiment in favor of government by commission. The candidacy of men with such records as Williams on Hawaii and Kalua on Maui makes a trend of events towards government by commission. Locally, the signs of a "nana ka ili" campaign have the same effect. If the election returns show that this is the political campaign cry

THE "STAR" SPECIAL ARTICLE PAGE---

Wit, Wisdom, Humor
Politics and Nonsense

THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

WISCONSIN SAVED TO TAFT.
COLD CHICAGO'S RECEPTION TO TAFT.
THE ATTACK ON SPEAKER CANNON.
HASKELL TO HEARST.
BIG MONEY ON TAFT.

There was much significance to be attached to the declaration by Senator LaFollette made with the evident earnestness that Mr. Taft was a "progressive" in principle and that he stood for the best there was in the Republican party.

All fears of the LaFollette rebellion disappeared and in place of them the insiders on Wisconsin politics have substituted declarations of unquestioning loyalty to Taft and the Republican ticket. They admit the State was in bad shape, but there is probably no state in the Union where any one man has such individual interest as is possessed by Robert M. LaFollette here in Wisconsin, and particularly here at the Capital.

In return, Mr. Taft, who evidently understood the dignity and importance of this public declaration from a radical Republican, said with characteristic frankness it meant much to him, not only personally, but in furthering the cause of his own candidacy and the success of the Republican party, especially in Wisconsin. Then the Secretary launched into an eloquent tribute to the farmers before whom he appeared. But even they appreciated the fact that a great political drama had been suddenly developed, before their eyes and a friendship had been cemented on the stage between two men who seem destined to have a great deal to do with the future development, not only of the Republican party, but of the country itself.—Raymond, in the Chicago Tribune.

Judge Taft's burst into Chicago, which I find described in certain newspapers as the beginning of a "whirlwind campaign," was about as spectacular as the appearance of a clam at low tide. Judge Taft came to the Auditorium Annex escorted by a few personal friends. There was no throng gathered about the structure, there was no appeal for a speech, and even the postal cards sent out by Mr. Upham, assistant treasurer of the Republican national committee, failed to draw forth the throng anticipated.

Judge Taft spoke at Orchestra Hall, an auditorium which seats a scant two thousand people. It was not crowded. About the middle of Mr. Taft's speech I. A. Mere, a Democrat, found no difficulty in finding seats for myself and four others in a box. I strolled about the neighborhood to find whether there might be an overflow meeting. Ordinarily when so small a hall is selected for the oration of a Presidential candidate everything overflows. Personally I have seen Madison Square Garden which seats easily 18,000 people, crowded to the roof and impassioned speakers on the outside addressing great groups when Bryan or Hearst or Hughes spoke there.—Willis J. Abbott, Chairman Department of Publicity Democratic National Committee.

Speaker Cannon, who is elucidating the issues of the campaign on the stump, has apparently himself become one of the chief issues, and a staff correspondent of the Indianapolis News (Ind.) says that if he is allowed to make a speaking tour through Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, as proposed, Bryan's chances will grow brighter all along the route. The Speaker has the distinction of being specifically assailed in the Democratic platform, and of forming the chief topic of the acceptance speech of the Democratic candidate for Vice President. The president of the American Federation of Labor celebrated Labor Day by making a speech in Danville, Mr. Cannon's home town, in which he urged every workman to use his ballot to keep the Speaker at home. And as if this were not enough, the Methodists, angered by his stand on temperance legislation, have opened a formal attack upon him, urging his constituents to defeat him, and urging Congressional candidates not to return him to the Speaker's chair if he is re-elected; and "as is well known," says the New York Evening Post (Ind.), "this sect possesses enormous influence." The Northwestern Christian Advocate, the Methodist organ in Illinois, which is leading the attack, is out with statements against him from a majority of the bishops of the church.

The enemies of the Speaker, open or covert, are enumerated as follows by the Hartford Times (Ind. Dem.):

- "1. Theodore Roosevelt and all his political friends.
- "2. The whole radical and 'progressive' element in the West.
- "3. Every Republican who favors a genuine reform of the tariff.
- "4. Every Republican who wishes to see the currency system intelligently dealt with.
- "5. All the labor-unions.
- "6. All the 'special interests' he has antagonized, which are too numerous to mention.
- "7. A considerable number of clergymen and religious people who have found reason to object to what they noted in his attitude toward matters which they regard as of the highest importance."—Literary Digest.

CHICAGO, September 20.—Governor Haskell of Oklahoma tonight gave out the following letter, which he said he had telegraphed to William Randolph Hearst:

"William R. Hearst, New York city—Sir: You are stating in speech and press in substance that during the year 1899, when Attorney-General Frank S. Monnett of Ohio had several cases pending in the Supreme Court of that State against the Standard Oil Company, I sought to influence him to dismiss those suits. I have said and now repeat that your statement is absolutely false, and I had never had any relations of any kind or character with the Standard Oil Company. Your conflicting statements prove nothing.

"You as a newspaper man may and should desire a reputation for truth-

here, it will be time for all good citizens to ask for a commission, and The Star will support them, reluctantly admitting that its attitude of today, in favor of self-government and improvement of our conditions from within, was too optimistic.

Nothing could be more naive than the Advertiser's little remark in apology for changes of attitude,—that "The Advertiser does not hesitate to support former enemies who changed their position and begun to work for good government." 'Tis the old story. Everyone who is not a friend of the Advertiser is assumed to be a grafter or an opponent of good government.

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fulness. I, as a public official, demand that those who accuse me stand forth and make their proof. You know that a suit against you for civil damage or a criminal procedure for libel means long delay and affords your character of journalism a chance to cover your expense before being called upon to settle. I do not want your money; I simply desire to expose you to the public as a false accuser who has distorted public records and manufactured statements for base political purposes.

"For the purpose of forever settling this infamous slander which you are accrediting in your newspapers and on the stump, I now propose that a committee of five or any three of them, composed of the editors of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, the Chicago Journal, the New York World, the Indianapolis News and the St. Louis Republican, be selected to hear you and me under oath and all other evidence they may desire as to the truth or falsity of your charge at the earliest possible moment and render their decision to the public in writing. Should this committee find your charges sustained, I shall withdraw all connection with the present Presidential campaign. Should the verdict be against you, as I know it will, there need be no other penalty than the public contempt due every assassin of character.

"C. N. HASKELL."

BUFFALO, (N. Y.) September 20.—Henry Selheimer, secretary of the Republican County Committee, announced today that he had \$20,000 to bet at the odds of 4 to 1 that Taft will defeat Bryan. He stated that he would place any part of the money or all of it to anyone who will cover it.

Mr. Selheimer is a responsible man, and his sincerity in the matter is not questioned. When asked where the money came from, he stated that a Detroit man had sent it to him. He declined to mention his name. He has not yet found any takers.

SELF GOVERNMENT AND THE RACE LINE

EDITOR STAR:

In some respects the most important declaration of the Republican platform is that against government by commission. In the matter of self-government Hawaii is on trial. Hawaiians are on trial. They have the sympathy of the great American people and back of their claim to the self-government. Always Americans have been willing to fight for this self-government and free suffrage is America's history of contention for right. Such is their devotion to it that they broke world precedents in annexing Hawaii by giving her people suffrage, are going even further by compelling comparatively ignorant and uncivilized Filipinos to elect their own lawmakers and, at the point of the sword, have insisted that Cuba and Panama have fair elections,—government by the people.

I know of but one case in which the American nation has abandoned this devotion to free suffrage. It is where a race line was attempted to be drawn against them. A Civil war costing untold lives and millions of dollars was fought to free the negro and give him suffrage, but when, in the first few years of his freedom it developed that he could not politically assimilate the whole theory of his equal manhood collapsed like a house of cards. The North shed its blood freely to give the negro a vote; it almost immediately allowed the South to disfranchise him, as soon as it saw that he would vote simply on race lines.

It has been the boast of both races here that they have beaten history's record for harmonizing. There is no need to spoil the situation now. Certain self-seeking politicians agitate the color line. If they should succeed in making it the mark of political alignment here, government by commission would come and Hawaiians would have no vote or voice in politics at all. Hence Hawaiians, who urge the race line are leading their own people to political death. Whites who urge it are invariably charlatans or grafters.

The Republican plank opposing government by commission is based upon faith in Hawaiians to vote intelligently. If they vote on race lines rather than party lines, there will be a later party with a plank the other way, and the Hawaiians will sink out of politics altogether. They will carry the local whites with them. The very preservation of local self-government here depends upon avoiding the race line. If the election returns on November 3 show that the color line is to be drawn at the polls, there will be a great wave of sentiment among leading Hawaiians as well as whites, for government by commission. The Hawaiians who form secret lodges to encourage a race vote and the Hawaiian so-called "independent" candidates whose only real hope of success lies in "nana ka ili" are their race's worst enemies.

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